

SEPARATOR PLATE WITH HEAD LOAD/UNLOAD

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 An apparatus provides improved positional control for an access element
moveable adjacent a rotatable surface, such as a data transducing head adjacent a
data recording surface of a data storage device. A circumferentially extending
windage plate is adapted for placement adjacent the rotatable surface. The plate
includes an edge surface configured to extend adjacent a movement path of an
10 access element across the rotatable surface. The edge surface supports a ramp
structure adapted to receivingly support the access element at a position away from
the rotatable surface.